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GIRL POWER!

The Didsbury Memorial Complex successfully hosted an all-girl tournament last weekend. Teams showed up from Didsbury, Innisfail, Banff and other towns around central Alberta.

Photo by Nicole Smith

B&E costs county over \$7,000

By Nicole Smith

Mountain View County is looking at a major loss after a break and enter occurred there last Friday morning.

Didsbury RCMP officers responded to a call from the county at around 7 a.m. on Jan. 21, saying that two sheds on their compound had been broken into.

The door on at least one of the two sheds had been pried open so that the suspects could gain entry.

Didsbury RCMP Constable Steve Woolnough said that the suspects then hooked a small utility trailer belonging to the county to a county truck.

A year 2000 red Honda quad was stolen, along with a 10-ton floor jack, a 15-ton hy-

draulic jack, a golf bag and set of golf clubs, and other tools and miscellaneous items.

Once the county's property was loaded up, the suspects then drove through a fence east of the Mountain View County compound and into a neighbour's field.

The 1989 yellow Chevrolet pickup truck and the utility trailer were later located in the field by the RCMP. None of the other property has been recovered.

Cst. Woolnough says that the RCMP spoke to many neighbours but they have yet to come up with a witness.

"It's not a really populated area," Woolnough said.

He says that there was no damage to either the county

truck or the utility trailer.

Woolnough believes the suspects had a vehicle parked close to the field where the county truck was found, so that they could load up the stolen goods.

Woolnough says that the quad alone is worth over \$7,000, so the county is looking at a "ballpark" loss of nearly \$10,000.

The Didsbury RCMP are asking for any information that anyone may have concerning the break and enter.

"If anyone saw anything in the early morning hours, we would really appreciate the help," he said.

The Didsbury RCMP can be reached at 335-3382 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-262-TIPS.

Hospital advisory board being formed

By Nicole Smith

An advisory board concerning the future of the Didsbury hospital is currently in the works.

Last Wednesday Mayor Ray Lea and Councillor Gordon Quantz made a trip up to Drumheller to make a delegation to the Health Authority 5 board.

Lea said that the Town of Didsbury requested this delegation so that he may have a chance to speak to the board about the public meeting that was held Jan. 11 in Didsbury, as well as the formation of an advisory board about the hospital.

Lea informed the board that a number of people have already committed to being on the board, including County Reeve Ian Harvie, Mayor of Carstairs Richard Dais and Lea.

He says that he is hoping to have the mayors of Cremona and Crossfield sign up, as well as a member at large from Didsbury and Carstairs.

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In the courts: \$500 fine for breaking victim's nose

By Dan Singleton and Leah Payne

Victim's nose broken by accused

A 19-year-old man who assaulted another man in Olds last summer, breaking the victim's nose in the process, has been fined.

Kevin Hugh Locke pleaded guilty in Didsbury court on Monday to a charge of assault.

The accused and three other individuals confronted the victim in the Olds Tim Horton's restaurant on July 16, Crown prosecutor Gord Wong told

Judge Frank Maloney.

When the victim refused to step outside the restaurant to fight, the accused followed the man down the street before pushing him against a door and punching him in the face.

The victim had to be hospitalized for one day following the incident, receiving plastic surgery to repair his nose, court heard.

Asked by Judge Maloney if he had any comment on the attack, the accused declined to speak.

"I sincerely hope we will never see you back before these courts," said Judge Maloney.

The judge fined Locke \$500.

Drunk Driver

Joseph Robinchaud pled guilty to having a blood alcohol exceeding .08 and impaired operation of a vehicle from Dec. 18, 1999 incident.

Police responded to the call and found Robinchaud to be exhibiting behavior consistent with drunkenness. A breathalyzer indicated a blood alcohol level of 0.15.

Robinchaud was fined \$600 and given prohibition on his license for one year.

Telephone assault

Wendy Woods returned from work to her brother's Oct. 27, 1999. After joining her husband and brother in consuming alcohol, an argument erupted between Woods and her husband. Woods, upset, hit her husband over the head. Woods brother restrained her while her husband dialed police. Woods detached herself from her brother wrestled the phone away from her husband and hit him over the head with the receiver.

Woods pled guilty to the charge of assault against her, and the Hon. Judge Davie fined her \$250.

Woods had had previous convictions regarding alcohol and Judge Davie advised her to seek help.

"I suggest you seek help with your apparent problem with alcohol," Davie said.

Wouldn't provide sample

Lynda Molnar was convicted of failure to provide a breath sample for police.

Molnar refused to give police a sample after an accident July

12, 1999 where Molnar turned the wrong way to avoid a road grater resulting in Molnar's minivan ending up in a ditch.

The driver of the grater stopped his vehicle to help Molnar and observed that it seemed as though she had been drinking and smelled of alcohol.

Police responded to a call made by the driver of the grater and smelled alcohol as well. Molnar refused to submit to a breathalyzer, saying that the alcohol smell was from the night before. Molnar also did not want to submit to the breathalyzer because her sons were in the vehicle with her. Molnar was charged with failure to provide a breath sample and a week later after the investigation officer learned a little more, impaired driving.

Judge Davie dismissed the charge of impaired driving but fined Molnar \$500 for refusing

to give a breath sample.

Jail term

A 90 day jail term is to be served by Michael Hicks for his involvement in the theft of a '93 Suburban.

The vehicle was stolen outside of Bowden Nov. 29, 1999 and Hicks was arrested a few days later then released until his trial date of Jan. 10.

Hicks was arrested again Jan. 17 for failing to appear in court on Jan. 10.

Hicks had two previous convictions as well as jail time in '96 and '98 for break and enter.

Judge Davie sentenced Hicks to 90 days in jail to be served on week-ends since Hicks has made an attempt to turn his life around and has earned his apprenticeship in welding.

Health Statistical Supplement for 1998-99 released

Key statistical data regarding the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) for the 1998-99 fiscal year was released today by Health and Wellness Minister Halvar Jonson in the AHCIP Statistical Supplement: 1998-99.

The statistical supplement is produced annually by Alberta Health and Wellness to report on factors that affect the AHCIP, as well as major payments made by the plan.

The AHCIP provides Albertans with medical coverage for physician and hospital services, and services of other health practitioners.

Highlights of the 1998-99 AHCIP Statistical Supplement include:

- 2,912,946 Albertans were covered by the AHCIP in 1998-99, an increase of 2.3% over 1997-98.

- 509,183 Albertans were fully exempt from paying health insurance premiums. Overall, 19.6% of the Alberta population paid reduced or no premiums.

- \$839.1 million was paid to physicians for basic health services, an increase of 74.2% from 1998-99.

- Average annual payment to physicians was \$188,820, an increase of 3.51% over last year.

- 217 physicians received under \$10,000 and 32 received over \$1 million in payments.

- Average annual payment to specialists was \$233,721, a 4.31% increase over last year.

- 120 specialists received over \$500,000 in payments, which represents 6.14% of specialists.

- At \$467,774, the average payment to cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons was higher

than any other speciality.

- \$19,543,893 was spent on seniors' eye and dental care, an increase of 7.4% over 1997-98.

- Losec, an ulcer treatment drug, was the most prescribed drug under the Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Drug Coverage Plan, with 139,653 prescriptions and a net payment of \$13.6 million.

Copies of the 1998-99 AHCIP Statistical Supplement are available from the Communications Branch of Alberta Health at (780) 427-7164 or via Alberta Health's Internet site at www.health.gov.ab.ca/public/documents/ssup98-99/.

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Future of old horse barns a hot topic around town lately

By Nicole Smith

The future of the old horse barns has been somewhat of a contentious issue for the Town of Didsbury, the Didsbury and District Lighthouse Association and the Didsbury Ag Society.

The issue began when the Town of Didsbury asked to have a lease put in place with the Lighthouse Association for the barns.

Apparently the barns, which were built in the 1960s, are getting quite old and run-down and the Town wants the association to sign a lease and provide proof of insurance, just in case an accident ever occurs in the barns.

Rhonda Hunter, Memorial Complex Manager for the Town of Didsbury, says that this isn't an unusual request for the Town to make.

"We're just trying to get leases in place for all the properties in the town," she said.

Hunter says that the Town is just asking for people to take accountability for the properties in Didsbury and to give the building the attention that they require.

Last fall, the Town requested that the Lighthouse Association sign a one-year lease for the old barns, in the hopes that they could be torn down after the contract was completed.

As part of the agreement, the Town asked that all repairs be made by the association to the barns, which included things like replacing the roof and making electrical repairs.

The Lighthouse Association, along with the Ag Society, felt that this wasn't a fair deal.

According to Lighthouse Association President Dallas Haerberle, they didn't want to

dump the money into repairing the barns if they could only use them for one year.

The association needs the barns to board horses and cattle at various horse shows and rodeos that are held yearly in Didsbury.

A new Livestock Complex has been built by the association and Ag Society, but there is not enough room to adequately meet the needs of all the contestants that enter the events.

"We can't put on a show without them," said Vair Whitlow, Ag Society member.

The barns, which were built by the Lighthouse Association, are located on Town of Didsbury property. The association has always had control over the barns and have never had a lease in place.

Hunter says that a lease is needed now so that the association can get insurance on the buildings.

She says that they can't insure the barns without the lease, because they don't have the title to the land.

After the association and the Ag Society rejected the one-year proposed lease, they came back to the Town with a five-year lease proposal.

The association felt that they could have the new complex completely finished by 2005, and then the old barns wouldn't be needed.

The Town rejected that offer, saying that the barns should be finished in a shorter time period.

Haerberle says that is not likely, as the new complex is being built completely on grant funds, which can never be guaranteed.

The Town also requested that the Lighthouse Association provide a five-year plan for the new complex, as well as

proof of insurance, by their Jan. 12 meeting.

Contrary to what was reported in last week's paper, the Town did have the five-year plan, but not the proof of insurance, as insurance couldn't be provided without a lease in place.

Somewhat of a compromise was made, and now the association and Ag Society is asking for a three-year lease, with the possibility of a two-year extension is necessary.

Hunter feels this is a fair deal and will be discussing the issue with the Community Services Committee this week.

Once this has been done, Hunter will then present the decision to Town Council so that they may make a decision on the horse barns.

Hunter says that the Lighthouse Association and the Ag Society have been quite helpful in the whole process.

"They're right on track with us about what needs to be done," Hunter said.

According to the Lighthouse Association and the Ag Society, it is imperative that the barns stay in place for the sake of the events our community hosts.

Gord Krebs, a member of the Ag Society, says that there is some concern that if the barns are removed, then Didsbury may lose their rodeo.

Whitlow says the same goes for the summer horse show that is hosted in Didsbury.

"If a decision isn't made by February, we're not having a horse show," said Whitlow.

Both groups are hoping that the Town will decide to go for their three-year proposal, but if they don't then they are prepared to find other means of hosting their shows.

"We'll walk away from it," said Haerberle.

Board being formed

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Lea had requested to have a doctor on the board as well, but the HA5 board felt that would be a conflict of interest. The board said that they could have a doctor as a contact person, in case they needed any type of medical information, though.

"The meeting was good," said Lea. "We had the opportunity to press upon the board members who we are and show them we're willing to go into a consultation meeting and give them all we have."

While at the meeting, Lea and Quantz had an opportunity to meet the consultant that has been hired by HA5 to conduct an independent study of the Didsbury hospital.

The consultant, Dr. Joel Ritchie of Red Deer, started last week.

Ritchie will be meeting with many local groups in the Didsbury area to hear what the public has to say about the possible closure of the hospital.

So far, there is no word on when Ritchie will be heading to Didsbury.

Mountain View Ambulance owner pleads not guilty

By Dan Singleton

The owner of Mountain View Ambulance Services, Bryan A. MacDonald, has plead not guilty to a charge of false pretences under \$500.

The plea came in Didsbury provincial court on Monday and was entered by lawyer Brian Forestell.

Didsbury RCMP charged MacDonald in December 1999 after receiving a complaint from

the Town of Didsbury in September, RCMP Cpl. Vaughn Christensen said Monday.

Christensen declined to comment further on the charge.

Prosecutor Danny Elliott said the Crown will be proceeding by indictment in the case, meaning it will seek the more severe penalty should MacDonald be convicted.

The accused goes to trial in Didsbury in June.

Developer loses lawsuit over Didsbury dirt

By Dan Singleton

(Calgary) A Cochrane-based developer who did not properly prepare the site of a new home in Didsbury subdivision has lost a lawsuit brought by the homeowner.

David Stanley is the owner of Westpoint Country Homes Ltd. and a numbered company. Both companies were named in the lawsuit brought by Didsbury homeowner Percy Zeiler.

Zeiler's home is in the Westpoint subdivision in southwest Didsbury.

The final day of the three day trial was held at Calgary civil court on January 19 before Judge N.R. Hess.

In the lawsuit, Zeiler claimed the developer did not remove about 650 square meters of dirt from the site, despite an assurance that it would be moved before the owner commenced construction.

Zeiler had made numerous calls to the developer's Cochrane office in the spring of 1999 asking for the dirt to be moved, but to no avail.

When the dirt was still on the property on April 9, 1999, the day the owner took possession, Zeiler hired someone to move the dirt. Zeiler then sent Stanley a bill for more than \$2,200 the cost of removing the dirt and trucking it 20 miles out of town.

Brian Forestell, the lawyer for the plaintiff, told Judge Hess the defendant failed to comply with conditions of the purchase offer, making it necessary for Zeiler to move the dirt himself.

Judge Hess found for the plaintiff in the amount of \$2,281.24, plus \$25 in court costs.

"They (plaintiffs) were entitled...to remove the excess fill, to take matters into their own hands," said Hess.

Judge Hess dismissed a counter claim filed by Stanley.

In Stanley's counter claim he alleged that Mr. Zeiler had not complied with the restrictive covenant, which controls in some manner the use or development of land by restricting certain uses.



CONTRIBUTING TO ALBERTA'S FUTURE

Layne Wilk, a representative for CenAlta, was at the Didsbury High School last Wednesday to deliver a cheque. CenAlta, along with Husky Oil, Crestar Energy, Murphy Oil Company, PanCanadian and Petro-Canada, have donated \$4,893.78 to the science department at DHS. Pictured with Wilk are Student Council President Aimee Hunter and Principal Iain Paton.

Photo by Nicole Smith

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Buyer's beware



**Nicole
SMITH**

All I have to say is that computers suck.

Recently I made a trip to Calgary in the hopes of buying a certain computer game that my boyfriend has been oohing and aahing about for a while.

I headed to the computer store where I had bought my computer less than a year ago. I have always been very pleased with the level of service that this company offers, as well as the knowledge and helpfulness which

they provide.

So, I found this silly game that Hutch really wanted, read the box and determined that my computer met all the requirements needed to run the game. I was a little curious, though, as to whether or not I needed to buy a joystick to go with it, so I thought I would ask one of the people who worked there.

To my surprise, absolutely no one would help me. I hung around the aisle where the joysticks are located waiting for a hand, but not a person would look my way. I tried to ask for help, but everyone was too busy.

I finally bought the game, with the idea that it would run just fine on my computer without a joystick. It ends up I was correct on this point.

The thing that I didn't get right was the fact that I needed to have a game card in my hard drive before the computer game would run correctly. No one told me this before I spend the \$75 on the stupid game. It never said on the game's box that I needed this piece of equipment before it could be played.

Before we knew that this game card was required, Hutch and I loaded the game on my computer and he went to play it and it kept shutting down on him.

I felt really bad because he was so disappointed about the game, so I tried to fix it for him. I re-loaded the game and it seemed to be working just fine, until he went to play it. Again, the computer starting acting funny.

We got so sick of it, we decided to just return the game to the store and try and find something else that wasn't as intricate.

He called the store and they told him that they absolutely never accept exchanges or offer refunds on any of their software.

I couldn't believe it. Obviously this game didn't work correctly and it wasn't what we expected or wanted anymore, so I couldn't see why we couldn't just exchange it for something else.

By this time, the guy on the other end of the phone told Hutch that we needed this game card, whatever that is, before we could run the program. Apparently, this game card costs \$140.

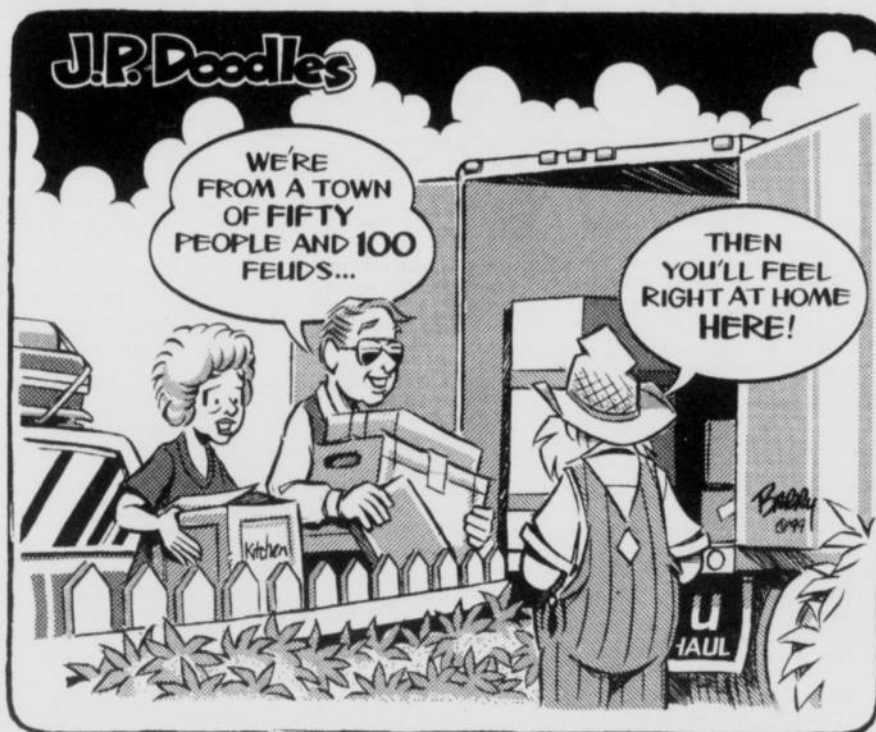
So now, we're stuck with a game that doesn't work that cost \$75 and before we can play the game, we have to spend another \$140 for this ridiculous game card.

Maybe if I had been helped in the first place when I was trying the buy the game, none of this would have happened.

But still, I feel very cheated. I was trying to do something nice for Hutch and by the time this is over, I will have dumped over \$200 into this game.

All I can say is that once this thing is up and running, it had better be something else.

The opinions expressed on this page are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper or the publisher.



Liberals subsidize millionaire hockey teams in Canada

By Myron Thompson, MP

I reacted with disbelief this week, following the federal government's announcement to subsidize professional hockey in Canada.

Our farmers are in the biggest cash crunch since the 1930's. Many are on the brink of bankruptcy, losing their livelihoods and homes. Canadians love hockey, but how can they justify this to the person in the ambulance passing hospital after hospital looking for treatment.

Industry Minister John Manley announced federal financial assistance of up to 25 per cent of a shared solution with other stakeholders. Although exact numbers are vague, this amounts to roughly a \$20 million subsidy. Using the Ottawa Senators as an example, that breaks down to about \$3 million available for each of the six Canadian teams.

I agree that NHL hockey is an important factor in our Canadian identity and culture, however in this instance, the ends do not justify the means.

The Liberals' excessive corporate, income and payroll tax-

ation policy has been responsible for jeopardizing pro-hockey in Canada, as has the government's low dollar policy.

The Official Opposition supports keeping the NHL in Canada, just not through direct subsidies. Rather, the NHL would benefit from a reduction in its taxes.

Time and time again, this Liberal government shows its

utter ignorance for the real problems in this country. We have family farms that are folding, our health care system in crises, more people are sleeping on the streets, and the average take-home income is in rapid decline. Yet the government sees pampering owners and hockey players to the tune of \$20 million as its priority. When will this lunacy ever stop?

Wonderings of the heart

The millennium

By Margaret Fradley

The millennium is here. Here was endless reading and talking and advertising on this important time. The year 2000! Organizations, companies, committees and communities all geared up for the greatest celebration of all time.

Time and money seemed to be of no object as every type of celebration was held. I can only imagine the fabulous fire works displays that were held.

However, as much as such times of fun and celebration are needed in our lives, we need also to remember to keep a balance.

When we look back to that momentous time, on the celebrations of the millennium, what memories will we want to cherish? We want our memories to be more than just of the greatest celebration and fun ever, but also we want to remember to hope for, and pray for, memories of our millennium which will hopefully include less violence, less crime, less hunger and need, fewer uprisings and protest rallies, fewer homeless, more sharing and giving, more selflessness, more contentment and encouragement and above all, more love: The Millennium can be a new beginning.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

The truth is dead

Dear Editor,

In Canada we will shortly have a graphic demonstration of how our laws have deteriorated and how all branches and courts ignore them. On Feb. 20, Bill C-68 which is totally illegal under Sec. 92 Sub. Sec. 13 of the Constitution of Canada will come before the supreme court. We can expect to see some of the finest stalling, double dealing, obfuscation and obscurantism since the reign of Prime Minister Mulroney. Although the B.N.A. Act, which is the supreme law of Canada gives property rights to the provinces and guns are our property watch, what the supreme court can do with our Constitution.

The Federal Government is phasing in new boating regulations and you can take a course to qualify to meet future requirements. Illegal of course but who cares? Aren't boats property? Read Sec. 92 of the B.N.A. Act and see what it says. Read it to your children.

Immigration falls under provincial rights as well as federal. When is the last time Mr. Klein asked who you wanted in Canada? And don't try any suggestions because you will immediately be labelled as a bigot or racist or Nazi. Look at it this way, you have learned a new expression, it's called "home invasion". Be happy!

Provincial resources fall under care of the Province but yet free trade and N.A.F.T.A. have all passed. Illegal of course but who cares? Mr. Mulroney has given away our resources in perpetuity but they don't belong to the Feds. What did laughing Ralph Klein say? Not much or

rather nothing! Ralph, as premier, is paid to look after section 92 of the B.N.A. Act. What about our M.L.A.'s? Don't they have to represent us as well? I feel as if we could send pictures of our Legislature to Edmonton for all the good they are. N.A.F.T.A. says we can't charge the Americans more for our resources but it doesn't say we can't charge them less! Would a multinational oil company put oil into their pipeline for \$3.00 a barrel plus Royalty which is 17% and get the oil across the boarder for \$3.51 and you would pay \$23.00 American or \$30.00 Canadian plus \$5.10 Royalty and your barrel would cost you \$35.10 in Alberta? Shucks folks, Ralph wouldn't do that would he?

Incidentally Article 50 of the Geneva Convention makes any trade treaty that has been procured by corruption illegal. For what it's worth to the Tories.

The United Nations "Rights of the Child" meeting endorsed the illegality of spanking your child, having any control over what they read or what music they listen too, by their parents. The United States would not sign. Our Premier thank heaven did not sign. It is my understanding that Ralph Klein later sent a statement of endorsement to the United Nations. What goes on? Is he our legislature?

It appears that any truth or honesty in Canada and Alberta are dead. Next election please don't vote unless you have looked at the damage beforehand.

Sincerely,
Dennis Combs,
Olds, AB

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school.

Dear Friends,

I didn't want to do it. Several times during the day I said "Lord, I really don't want to do this." I had finally gotten into this time zone. It had taken me awhile to get over jet lag and get caught up with what had gone on at the school and in the library while I was gone. I really did not want to stay up all night with a bunch of middle school students. We had canceled the connections lock-in when I had to go home to help take care of my dad. It was rescheduled for this past weekend and I really did not feel prepared for it. The students began arriving a little before 8:00 p.m. so at that point there was no choice but to go on with it.

We started with instructions and a devotion. Then we played a game and learned some more about people in the group. We found out who liked spinach, who had eaten guinea pig, been to China and been to at least 5 continents. We also learned that some students were not good at math but could do sit-ups and push-ups.

With 58 students we filled the gym with groups of 8 while they tried to learn how to square dance and line dance. They tripped and stumbled over their own feet and other's but had a good time attempting to be coordinated. By this time God had changed my attitude and I was also having a good time and was glad I was there. I had gotten groups of students to plan some of the activities so had done a lot less work myself and the kids came through.

We played "Capture the Flag" for about two hours. One thing I have learned about middle school students and Capture the Flag is that they cheat. We tried; we added some more rules to try to curb the cheating but they just found different ways to cheat. One thing we did that worked well was to make a rule that if they couldn't work out their own disputes and had to take it to a teacher, both students involved would go to "prison". Needless to say we did not have one complaint or argument that we had to settle. No one wanted to go to "prison". We will try Capture the Flag again but will need to find a way to keep them from cheating.

At 2:00 a.m. we watched videos. The real purpose of the videos was for the kids to sleep. If we told them they had to sleep for two hours they would complain and talk so no one could sleep. Instead, we move all the chairs to the side of the room, have them get their sleeping bags and pillows, turn off the lights and turn on the videos. It isn't long before most of them are asleep. At 5:00 a.m. we let them play on the courts but by that time only about 20 were still awake.

When 6:00 a.m. rolls around it is time to rise even if they don't shine. It's clean up time and then breakfast. It is interesting how things that seem like disaster at the time really turn out to be positive. We were not able to get the keys we needed because the business manager was gone for the evening so we met outside and had our snack times outside. When it came time for clean-up there was much less to do because we didn't have to sweep up crumbs, etc. The dogs and birds had taken care of it for us. We were done with clean-up in record time.

After breakfast it was time to go home and, especially for the adults, time to go to bed. Dan and I had a few other things to put away but we were home and ready for bed by 7:45. It had been a good night but we were exhausted. Sometimes I think we are getting too old to do this.

The Lord is good. He takes our willingness to do something even when we really would rather not and brings something positive out of it. I had a good time. It was one of the least stressful lock-ins we've done as far as students complaints and non-cooperation. We had more parent participation. The kids even cleaned up without too much griping.

This does not mean I am going to do another lock-in soon. We will wait until next year for that but it is now time to start planning the Middle School retreat.

In Christ's strength,
Janet for the Snyders

A brief history of the old Didsbury horse barns

Dear Editor:

The Didsbury Light Horse Association and the Didsbury Agricultural Society would like to outline our actions relating to the issue of the old horse barns, as stated in the recent Town Council Notes of the Jan. 12 meeting.

History

The Light Horse Association was contacted regarding the condition of the old horse barns and our committee attended a meeting on January 21, 1999 with Town representatives, Gary Dohla and Rhonda Hunter. Discussions included the status and ownership of the old barns and Town representatives requested that a new lease agreement be drawn up.

Further meetings and discussions with Town Councillors and Community Service Representatives took place over a period of time in an effort to seek a mutually agreed and workable solution relating to the old barns. On October 12, we were "somewhat puzzled" when we received a letter from the Town that read as follows:

"...discussions have been directed at setting a removal date

for the horse barns, the erection of a skateboard park on the affected land, and expansion of the affected land of the Memorial Complex parking lot into the riding ring area..."

Enclosed in the above letter was a One-year Lease Agreement compiled by the Town. Three of the terms and conditions of the lease read as follows:

"The lessee covenants and agrees that it will maintain lasting improvements on the Didsbury and District Light Horse Association Horse Barns..."

"...scheduled inspections were to be performed by a Provincial Certified Engineer..."

"...upon expiration of the term of the lease, the Didsbury & District Light Horse Association Horse Barns shall be demolished and removed..."

Upon receipt of the October 12 letter and proposed One-Year Lease Agreement, further meetings were held with Community Service members and Town representatives. Discussions included a proposal from the Light Horse Association and the Ag. Society, requesting a Three to Five-Year Lease Agreement, as a more cost effective alternative if

repairs to the old barns (as outlined in the Town's Lease Agreement) were to be implemented.

Requested Action:

The Community Services Committee requested documentation from the Light Horse Assoc. and the Didsbury Agricultural Society as follows:

1. Proof of insurance for the old barns.

2. A letter outlining the Didsbury Agricultural Society's Five-Year Time Plan for expenditures and expansion to the Mountain View Livestock Complex. (Over the past year, The Light Horse Association and the Didsbury Agricultural Society have been working together to implement improvements to the new Livestock Complex. Our plan is to increase stabling capacity in the new barn. The old barns could then be demolished with little impact on stabling requirements for equine events.)

Our Actions:

The Didsbury Ag. Society's Five-Year Time Plan for expenditures, improvements and expansion of the Mountain View Livestock Complex was forwarded to Rhonda Hunter on December 14, 1999.

Kim Pross, Treasurer and Grant Coordinator for the Ag. Society contacted Rhonda prior to the Council Meeting on January 12, 2000 and Rhonda acknowledged that she had received the Time Plan.

Confirmation of insurance was discussed with Rhonda and she stated that a letter outlining the insurance issues would not be necessary at this time. (Insurance coverage was pending a signed lease agreement.)

Rhonda informed Kim that she would be presenting all of the information to the Community Services Committee and that she would have a proposal regarding our revisions to the lease agreement by February 2, 2000.

Dallas Haeberle, President of the Light Horse Association, also contacted Rhonda on January 12 to confirm receipt of the necessary information. Rhonda assured him that she had all of the required documentation.

The Light Horse Association and the Didsbury Agricultural Society would like to clarify the facts regarding this matter. Prior to the Council Meeting on January 12, our documents were confirmed to be in the hands of a

Community Services Representative. "For some reason, our adherence to requests from the Community Services Committee was not conveyed to Town Council at the meeting."

Volunteers from the Light Horse Association and the Ag. Society have devoted countless hours to discussions and meetings with Town representatives pertaining to the issue of the old barns. Unfortunately this latest miscommunication is not the only frustration we have encountered over the past year. Due to our obligation to members, numerous volunteers and sponsors of the Mountain View Livestock Complex, we are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Didsbury Review. It is our hope that these facts will relieve any concerns they may have regarding our actions and verify our continued commitment to the community.

Sincerely,
Dallas Haeberle, President of the Didsbury & District Light Horse Assoc.
and Wes Thomas, President of the Didsbury Agricultural Society

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Literacy is a family affair in Alberta

Imagine not having the skills necessary to read a simple book to your child, or to understand the instructions on a bottle of prescription medicine. For the 500,000 Albertans who live with poor literacy skills, these problems are realities they struggle with every day.

While many people manage to work and live fairly comfortable with low level literacy skills, their problems are often become more troubling as their children age. Many people who enrol in literacy classes do so because of the negative impact their understanding is having on their children.

"Kindergarten teachers know right off the bat which children have been read to, and which children haven't," says Jan. Karasek, a member of the Literacy Coordinators of Alberta's (LCA's) board of directors. "One of the issues that brings people to literacy programs is when their children start to go to school. Parents really want their children to succeed at school. In many cases, parents realize that they have to upgrade their own skills in order to help their children succeed at school."

With proper training, parents with low literacy skills can go on to set a positive example for their offspring. "Children whose parents have strong literacy skills are much more likely to be successful in school, and to appreciate the value of reading and writing."

In her years as a literacy coordinator, Jan. Karasek has seen first-hand the importance a parent plays in a child's development of reading skills - and

the love of reading. "Lots of kids don't get a lot of joy out of reading because they just aren't comfortable with the process," Ms. Karasek says. A parent who is comfortable with reading - and who demonstrates that to their children - is an important role model.

January 27, 2000 has been declared Family Literacy Day across Canada. The importance of Family Literacy Day is to showcase the importance of literacy in the lives of Canadian families.

A number of events have been planned around the country to celebrate the day. The Olds library is having a Read In. If you have read to your family for 15 min. then come in and sign up your name. You will receive a free Subway card. Also, on Thursday from 10:45 to 11:15, you can meet OPUS the literacy owl.

The Didsbury Library is also having a Read In. Come into the library and sign your name if you read as a family.

Deer Meadow School is asking for parents and family members to come in and read to a class for 15 min. during the week of January 24-28.

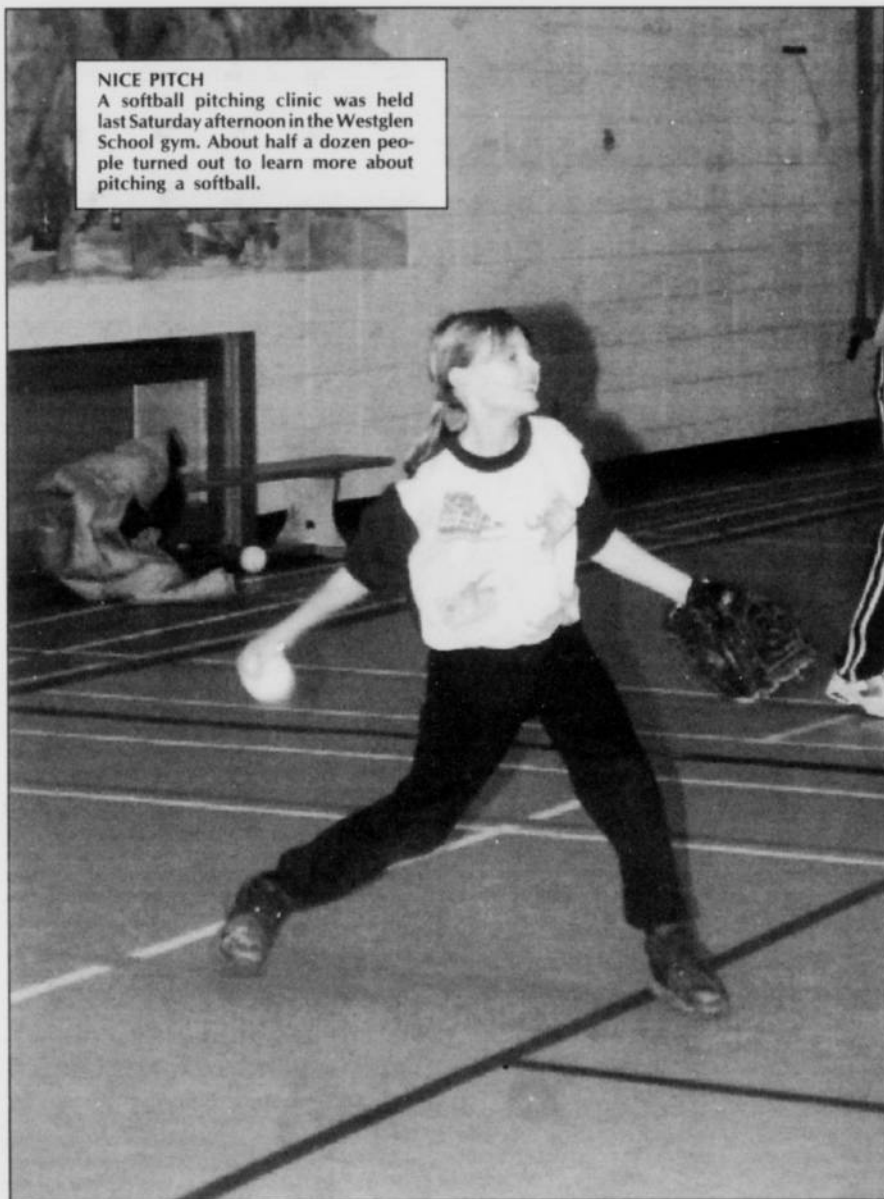
Sundre Library is holding a used book sale, January 25-28. They are encouraging families to read for 15 min.

Bob Clark Municipal Library in Carstairs has a Story Hour on Thursday's from 10:30 to 11:00 for 4&5 year olds. You are welcome to come and join them on January 27.

For more information on Family Literacy contact Rebecca Still @ Project Read Soon. Phone 556-3045.

NICE PITCH

A softball pitching clinic was held last Saturday afternoon in the Westglen School gym. About half a dozen people turned out to learn more about pitching a softball.



The Berg Chorale to be in Carstairs

Over the past 36 years, the Berg Chorale of Calgary has ministered to thousands of people in the four Western Provinces and Montana, U.S.A. The group was founded by Fred Berg, and is now under the direction of Harry Kuentler.

There are a number of original members still in the group.

This unique group of 22 dedicated lay people make ministry and worship its number one priority.

The singers, instrumentalists and sound persons are grateful to God for the talents He has given them and want Him to have all the Glory for what has been accomplished. They pray that this ministry in your midst will bring encouragement and blessing to many.

The Berg Chorale will be at the Church of God in Carstairs on Sunday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

Bancroft Women's Institute: A new century begins

The first meeting of the new century was held January 10, at the home of Elsie Brander, with new president Jean McCulloch in the chair.

The hostess chose 'Pack Up Your Troubles' for the opening song, followed by the Creed and Flag Salute. Roll call was answered with a favourite memory of the past century and the payment of dues for the year 2000.

Debbie Swanson reported on the hospital visit made by herself, Jean Swanson and Debbie

Page. Catherine McNaughtan and Elsie Brander will visit this month.

Members were urged to attend the meeting being held January 11 at the Didsbury Complex, to discuss the Didsbury Hospital situation.

It is time for our Winter Series of Crib and Whist card parties at Midway School. The first will be held January 14 at 7:30 p.m. Others are slated for January 28, February 11 and February 25.

A shower is being planned for Stephen McCulloch at Midway

School, Sunday, February 4, 2 to 4 p.m. Elsie Brander will represent Bancroft W.I. at the February 10 meeting of the Hospital Volunteers.

Filling in for Jean Swanson, who is in the hospital, Debbie Swanson conducted a 'Soap' quiz for our Bit of Fun. June Lore was the winner. Joan Patterson had the 'Lucky Teacup' and received the Hostess tea prize.

Next meeting will be February 14 at the home of Jean Swanson in Didsbury. Visitors welcome!



The upside of downtime

By
Marilyn
Logan
My
daugh-
ter

started speaking and verbalizing her opinions before she reached the age of one. This personality trait and early start caused many embarrassing moments over the years.

When still young, I took my son and daughter to visit their grandparents in my small hometown in Ontario. It had been awhile since I had revisited the site of my youth so I eagerly looked forward to presenting my children to the community.

My father was the organist of the church I had attended and my mother faithfully sang in the choir. On the Sunday of our visit I took special care in dressing and grooming the children. I really wanted to make a good impression. I was indeed a proud mother as I led my five and two year old chicks into the service.

I decided to sit near the front of the church so that the children could see their grandparents clearly. As the service progressed, the children didn't let me down. They stood solemnly when the congregation rose to sing the various hymns and sat quietly as the service proceeded. I took pride in their good manners. Silly me!

Before long my father slid from the bench and took his seat beside the organ. The minister stepped forward solemnly to begin the sermon. As his delivery gained momentum, I watched him take a deep diaphragmatic breath. His voice boomed. "Let not the limiting shackles of this world tie...." Before he had a chance to finish the sentence my daughter screeched in her childlike voice, "I'm stuck!"

My eyes, which had been fixed on the minister, rolled to the side. I could see her wiggling and attempting to lift one leg. Trying not to draw attention, I kept my eyes on the minister as I reached for her leg. The minister, oblivious to the outburst, continued. "Freedom and salvation is yours if you allow yourself to abandon the trusses..." Once again he didn't have a chance to complete his sentence.

"Mommy," my daughter bellowed, "I'm stuck!" Both our faces were scarlet, but for completely different reasons. I could no longer make eye contact with the minister and I dared not look at anyone else around me. I bent over and tried to ascertain what was bothering her. As I felt her leotard, I realized that a long sliver had pierced the material, pinning her leg to the pew. The more she struggled the more it became tangled. She was definitely stuck. I glanced up to the choir loft. My mother had one hand over her mouth. Her eyes bulged and her shoulders shook as she tried to suppress a giggle that threatened to erupt at any moment. My father, on the other hand, was ashen staring straight ahead blankly.

Undaunted by the interruption the minister, now revving into high gear, continued to pontificate. "Cast away the artifacts of life that bind us together into submission." Yeah right, I thought. Don't I wish! For my daughter, this was the last straw. I'm sure she didn't understand the words, but the tone and reverberation within the sanctuary unleashed a tirade. "Mommy, get me out of here now!" I heard titters coming from behind us. The minister, finally annoyed with the waning attention of the congregation, stopped momentarily to glare at us. I knew from experience that we had to leave immediately. The problem was that I still hadn't managed to free the poor child.

I debated removing her shoes and leotards, leaving them on the seat until after the service. Just as I was about to do this I heard a ripping sound. The sliver had torn free. Perspiration trickled down my neck. Hastily I picked up my daughter and grabbed my son by his hand. Being so close to the front of the church I decided to make a hasty exit through the choir door rather than taking a long humiliating walk down the aisle. As we reached the door my daughter managed to get in a final word. She looked brazenly at the congregation and stated for all to hear, "That man yells too much. I want to go home." The congregation howled. So did I after the door was safely closed.

Moral: Children say what adults wish they could.



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"Participating on a YCI project provides young Canadians with the chance to earn valuable career experience, to gain new skills, to learn about a different culture, and to work with other young people from around the world," says Michael Buds, the Youth Program Manager at YCI.

The next overseas projects in Guyana and Costa Rica leave this coming spring and

throughout this year.

Positions are still available, so be sure to apply as soon as possible.

To receive an application

and for more information about YCI, call us at (416) 504-3370, e-mail us at info@yci.org, or see our web site at www.yci.org.

Deadline approaching

January 31 is the deadline to nominate your favorite Arthritis Hero! The Arthritis Society's Arthritis Heroes program recognized courageous individuals who demonstrate progress made against arthritis and the victories that are won every day.

Arthritis Heroes can be people who have arthritis or people who have made significant contributions in the fight against the more than 100 forms of arthritis.

Anyone can nominate an Arthritis Hero, and self-nominations are also welcome. Nominations can also be posthumous.

Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 1-800-321-1433. Receptions honouring heroes will be held in April 2000.

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a brief glimpse of people and events in our community



Colleen Dougan and Jennifer Kennedy

Pre-Natal Classes - Expect the Best!

If the pitter patter of little feet is in your future, you could likely use some reassurance about the exciting weeks and months ahead - especially when it comes to delivering your baby.

Look no further than your local hospital!

Beginning February 15, the Didsbury Hospital will be hosting a new round of Pre-Natal Classes.

Nurse Jennifer Kennedy says the six session course (5 preparatory plus one breast-feeding class) really helps alleviate any fears or concerns expectant parents might have in an informative, friendly environment.

"They also get to meet a lot of other parents-to-be's who are at a similar stage in their life and who likely have similar concerns. There are a lot of friendships that come out of the sessions. Many of them stay in touch after their babies are born."

Kennedy would like to remind the public that the course is not just for first-time parents.

"We have moms that come to us with their second or third pregnancies as well, just as a refresher....It's a great way to learn important breathing and relaxation techniques and a unique bonding time to share with your partner or coach."

Anyone interested in registering for the program is encouraged to call 335-7292.



Nana Osei

New Health Inspector Arrives

The Region's new Public Health Inspector is looking to meet a lot of us over the next few months.

Nana Osei says she would much rather be out and about meeting and talking with people in the region rather than being stuck in a lab analysing data.

Osei came to town from Drumheller last month doing her practicum and completing the qualification required to become fully certified in her position.

"I took Environmental Health at BCIT in Burnaby for four years, earned a degree and then went on to complete my certification exam and practical experience. I am not licensed to practice anywhere in Canada."

Happily, Osei chose Didsbury as her first official posting.

"I am looking forward to my job here and will continue on with many of the existing programs."

These involve the investigation of food born illnesses, communicable diseases and inspection of restaurants, swimming pools, rental housing and/or housing complaints.

Theatre Didsbury's New Production warms winter chills

Looking for a chuckle and an evening out this winter?

Why not check out Theatre Didsbury's new comedy, "The Senator Wore Pantihose" playing at the Westcott Community Hall at 8 pm, February 12.

Tony Sylvestre who not only acts in the play himself, but co-directs this dynamic production with Lori Kemmere, says the play offers a bit of the unexpected.

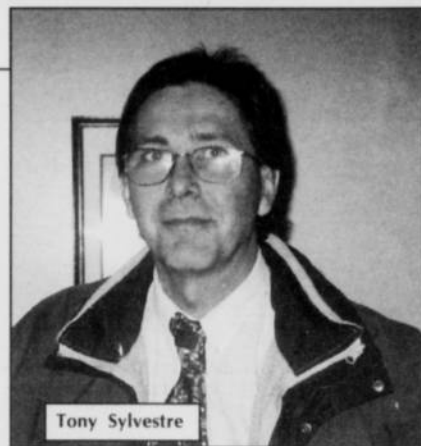
"It pokes fun at both American politics and 'certain' Evangelists."

The play was written by Van Zant and Millmore - one of the groups most popular selections. "We have done about six or seven of their plays now, and have really grown to enjoy them. They recently wrote an episode of 'Mad about You' and are very well known and respected as professionals in that industry."

Sylvestre says if you are not able to make the February 12 production of "The Senator Wore Pantihose", there will be at least 14 other opportunities from which to choose.

"We already have bookings for this play in Cochrane and Beiseker and will be back in Didsbury April 4 for a Dinner Theatre and May 6 for a Pub Night."

For more information, contact Derek Lewis of Theatre Didsbury at 335-4777.



Tony Sylvestre



Past President Bill Ward

Save those pop can tabs!

Wait, don't throw away that pop or juice can!

The aluminium tab on top could potentially save an infant struggling for life.

That's the hope tied to one of the newest programs undertaken by the Elks and Royal Purple groups in Alberta called "Tabs for Kids".

Immediate past President of the Alberta Association, Bill Ward, says money from recycling the aluminium tabs goes into the Alberta Elks foundation where it is later directed to hospitals throughout the province for the purchase of neo-natal equipment.

"All the Lodges in this area will be participating. It's an excellent cause and the Didsbury Elks and Royal Purple are proud to do their share and take part."

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WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Sometimes I feel as though my children fight and argue as a method of attracting my attention. If this is the case, how should I respond?

DR. DOBSON: You are probably correct in making that assumption. Sibling rivalry often represents a form of manipulation of parents. Quarreling and fighting provide an opportunity for both children to "capture" adult attention. It has been written that "some children would rather be wanted for murder than not wanted at all." Toward this end, a pair of obnoxious kids can tacitly agree to bug their parents until they get a response -- even if it is an angry reaction. One father told me that his son and his nephew began to argue and then beat each other with their fists. Both fathers were nearby and decided to let the fight run its natural course. During the first lull in the action, one of the boys glanced sideways toward the passive men and said, "Isn't anybody going to stop us before we get hurt?"

The fight, you see, was something neither boy wanted. Their violent combat was directly related to the presence of the two adults and would have taken a different form if the boys had been alone. Children will "hook" their parents' attention and intervention in this way.

Believe it or not, this form of sibling rivalry is easiest to control. The parent must simply render the behavior unprofitable to each participant. I would recommend that you review the problem (for example, a morning full of bickering) with the children, and then say: "Now listen carefully. If the two of you want to pick on each other and make yourselves miserable, then be my guest." (This assumes there is a fairly equal balance of power between them.) "Go outside and fight until you're exhausted. But it's not going to occur under my feet anymore. It's over! And you know that I mean business when I make that kind of statement. Do we understand each other?"

Having made the boundaries clear, I would act decisively the instant either boy returned to his bickering. If there are separate bedrooms, I would confine one child to each room for at least 30 minutes of complete boredom without radio, computers or television. Or I would assign one to clean the garage, the other to mow the lawn. Or I would make them take a nap. My purpose would be to make them believe me the next time I asked for peace and tranquility. It is simply not necessary to permit children to destroy the joy of living. And what is most surprising, children are the happiest when their parents enforce reasonable limits with love and dignity.

QUESTION: I have observed that elementary and junior high school students -- even high-schoolers -- tend to admire the more strict teachers. Common sense would tell us that they would like those who were easier on them. Why do you think they are drawn to the disciplinarians?

DR. DOBSON: You are right; teachers who maintain order and demand the most from their students are often the most respected members of the faculty, provided they aren't mean and grouchy. One who can control a class without being unpleasant is almost always esteemed by her students. That is true because there is safety in order.

When a class is out of control, particularly at the elementary school level, the children are afraid of each other. If the teacher can't make the class behave, how can she prevent a bully from doing his thing? How can she keep the students from laughing at one of the less able members? Children can be vicious to each other, and they feel good about having a teacher who is strong but kind.

Second, children love justice. When someone has violated a rule, they want immediate retribution. They admire the teacher who can enforce an equitable legal system, and they find great comfort in reasonable social expectations. By contrast, the teacher who does not control her class inevitably allows crime to pay, violating something basic in the value system of children.

Third, children admire strict teachers because chaos is nerve-racking. Screaming and hitting and wiggling are fun for about 10 minutes; then the confusion begins to get tiresome and irritating. I have smiled in amusement many times as second- and third-grade children astutely evaluated the relative disciplinary skills of their teachers. They know how a class should be conducted. I only wish all of their teachers were equally aware of this important attribute.

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Way of Life: Love, look for the rose

By Grant Sikstrom

John Blanford, a lieutenant in the armed forces during World War II, was in a library reading a book. But he was more interested in the notes that were in the margin than the book itself. He noticed that it was written by Hollis Manel whose address was in front of the book. He started writing her and developed a relationship by mail. He was then sent overseas. During this time they fell in love and he asked for a picture to be sent to him. She responded with, "If this relationship is real, it doesn't depend on a physical relationship". So she didn't send a picture.

At the end of his time overseas, they agreed on a meeting at Grand Central Station in New York at 6 p.m. She was to wear a red rose on her lapel. He describes their meeting: "A young woman was coming toward me. Her blond hair laid back in curls around her delicate ears. Her eyes were blue as flowers. Her lips and chin had a gentle firmness. In her pale green suit she was like springtime come alive. I started toward her and took one step in her direction forgetting to notice that she was not wearing a rose. And as I moved a small provocative smile curled her lips. "Going my way soldier?" she asked. Uncontrolled, I took another step closer. Then I saw Hollis Manel. She was standing beside her. She was well past forty. Her hair greying, was tucked under her hat. She was more than plump. Her thick-ankled feet were thrust into her low-heeled shoes but she wore a red rose in the rumpled lapel of her coat. The girl in the green dress was walking quickly past. I felt like I was being split in two, so keen was my desire to follow the girl in the green suit yet so deep was my longing for the girl who had companioned my own spirit. Yet there she stood. Her plump face

was gentle and kind. I did not hesitate. I gripped the blue book that was to identify me to her. This would be a deep friendship for which I would ever be grateful. I squared my shoulders, and held the book out toward the woman. Yet even as I spoke, I felt the bitterness of my disappointment. I'm Lt. Blanford, and you are Miss Manel. I'm so glad you could come meet me. May I take you to dinner?"

Now I could go a lot of different directions with a true story like this. But for today, I simply ask the question, "What is love?" Especially in the context of marriage, what is the glue that holds couples together? The simplest definition of marriage I know of is found in the first book of the Bible, Genesis, where it says, "For a man shall leave his father and mother and be united with his wife and the two shall become one flesh." (2:24) That middle phrase "united with his wife" comes from an old Hebrew word that means "stuck together" or "glued together". It speaks of a unique and powerful bond that exists between a man and a woman who are committed together in a marriage.

A relationship built on physical attraction and/or cohabitation cannot truly be called love. In my many pre-marriage sessions with engaged couples, we talk about the glue, the real bond, that keeps a marriage together. Lieutenant Blanford understood it. Marriage counsellors teach it. And when you hear it, you know it's true. The glue is friendship; commitment to each other in a bond of friendship based on trust, loyalty and

understanding. Every other dimension of marriage builds on this essential foundation.

Today in our country, 30% of the couples who are currently married will never see their 30th anniversary because of separation and divorce. Caught in the crossfire are thousands of children of all ages who are hurt, confused and angry. No amount of explanation will satisfy. All they want to know is why the glue didn't hold -- it should have, it's supposed to. Dear friends, if you sense that the bond that has held you together is weakening for whatever reason, take action. Be a success story rather than a statistic. Be reminded of the basic truth that the glue that holds marriages together is friendship. When you cease to be best friends, you just might be tempted to jump ship at a convenient opportunity, forgetting to look for the rose.

By the way, would you like to know....the rest of the story? As Lt. Blanford looked into the face of his future bride, Miss Manel, and extended an invitation to dinner, the woman's face broadened into a tolerant smile. "I don't know what this is about son, but that young lady who just went by in the green suit, she begged me to wear this rose on my coat and she said that if you asked me to go out with you, that she is waiting for you in the big restaurant across the street."

Something tells me that this couple had no trouble making their 30th because they were friends first. That is the glue. Anything less may look good, but "it's not wearing the rose."

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Country Audio is a seed expected to grow well



Doug Shields, owner of Country Audio, is ready to meet all your audio/ video needs.

By Nicole Smith

The owner of Country Audio sees his business venture as a seed that has the potential for serious growth in Didsbury.

Doug Shields has been running Country Audio for the past nine years, but recently he's spread his wings.

The business, which focuses

on custom audio and satellite installation, was formerly run off Shields' farm, but now he has a new store located on Main Street in Didsbury.

"I like the business and I've always wanted to open my own store," Shields said. "I see it as a challenge."

Shields, who also runs a farm just outside of Didsbury,

equates his new venture to a seed being planted and hopes that its growth is slow and steady.

"I'm a farmer and I wanted a new seed," he said.

"I want the business to grow, but I just don't want it to get too big too fast."

Country Audio can provide its customers with home theatre needs, car audio and installation, satellite dish installation, pre-wiring of homes and audio/ video sales.

Shields is also able to design custom systems for those with a more specialized taste, as well as do quotes for insurance companies.

"I try and tailor people into systems," he said. "I'm not into selling boxes."

Shields is the Bell ExpressVu dealer in Didsbury, and also carries names like JBL, Debox and Harman Kardon, etc.

He says that if he doesn't have what you need in stock, he can order anything you want.

Shields says that the past month has been great for business and hopes that he can continue enjoying what he is doing.

"I want to enjoy the business," he said.

"I control the business and it doesn't control me. That's the key."

Country Audio is open for business Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shields can be reached at Country Audio at 335-8460.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing how my new seed will grow," Shields said.



CWB Bulletin

From elevator to port

Rail car unloads for week 24 (week ending January 16) for all grains were 3,325 at Vancouver (target: 3,300) and 1,227 at Prince Rupert (target: 1,200). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 57 cars (target: 130).

Primary elevator space (for weeks 24) was 21 per cent, unchanged from the week before. Manitoba elevators averaged 20 per cent space, Saskatchewan elevators averaged 21 per cent space and Alberta elevators averaged 22 per cent space.

FOB Forward

Peter Watts, Market Analyst for Western Europe, will be attending the official opening of the Canadian consulate in Naples, Italy. In honour of the opening, the Canadian Embassy in Rome has organized "Canada Days", a five-day forum from January 19-23 which will provide an opportunity for Canadian and Italian business people to interact. On the weekend, a trade exhibit will allow Italian businesses to observe Canadian products. Exports of CWB grain at the end of December were 7.1 million tonnes or 37 per cent of total projected exports of 19 million tonnes. Total exports for the six major grains were 10.1 million tonnes or 39 per cent of total projected exports of 26 million tonnes.

Potpourri

The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) has released its study of the nutritional contribution of grain products and their role in health and disease. According to Grains in the Canadian Diet, consuming grain products is generally associated with positive effects on health. Different grains produce different effects, depending on their physical form as well as their nutritional content. Grains can be thought of as "regulators", acting on glycemic control, intestinal function, blood cholesterol and appetite.

UGG contracts all types of canola

UGG, one of Canada's largest oilseed exporters, recently confirmed that its full range of canola contracting options is now available to farmers - regardless of their choice of seed variety.

UGG said its announcement is intended to clear up uncertainty about the market demand for various canola varieties.

"We've always recommended that producers select the canola variety that best meets their needs," says Russ Jeffrey, UGG's marketing manager.

"Whichever canola system a farmer wished to use, UGG is in effect, guaranteeing a market for producers who sign a contract with the company."

The company offers producers two basic types of contracts.

• Delivery contracts offer producers the opportunity to look in a flat price, a basis relative to the futures price or a maximum price on a specific quantity to be delivered.

"While we can't predict the future, there are no signals to

suggest that any kind of price spread is developing for Canadian canola because of the use of biotechnology," said Will Hill, UGG's Managing Director for Merchandising and Transportation.

UGG reports some farmers are holding off on production decisions until more information is available.

By reminding producers that they can lock in a market and a price right now, the company hopes to reduce the effect of some of the confusing information that may be making the rounds.

"In a way, we're just pointing out the obvious. If you sign a contract with UGG then you have the protection of a commercial agreement with one of the grain industry's most respected firms," said Jeffrey.

UGG, under its Proven Seed Brand, sells a wide range of canola seed varieties, including the Smart Production System, Roundup Ready and varieties resistant to conventional canola herbicides such as Select, Poast and Lontrel. UGG does not sell

the Liberty Link production system but does contract canola produced from those varieties.

Farmers who purchase seed before January 31, 2000 can take advantage of a number of UGG programs on seed and herbicide, including Start Smart, Beat Price Protection and on interest free financing program on Roundup Ready seed, herbicide and Technology Use Agreement.

UGG is one of western Canada's largest agribusiness firms founded in 1906, the Winnipeg-based company is diversified into crop sales, grain merchandising, livestock production services and farm business communications.

UGG is publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and Winnipeg Stock Exchange under the symbol "UGG." For more information on UGG contact the company web site at www.ugg.com or www.ugginvestor.com.

CWB wins customers through skilled marketing practices

The CWB recently rejected accusations from the U.S. Wheat Associates that it wins markets by undercutting prices.

"The CWB is an effective marketing agency that used the powers of its monopoly to maximize returns to farmers," said Board Chair Ken Ritter. "We win our customers by offering quality products and good service. We don't undercut prices."

"It is not surprising that the U.S. Wheat Associates would complain about the CWB's success in the world wheat market but we wish they would stick to the facts," Ritter added.

During a meeting with the board today, U.S. Wheat Associate President Allan Tracy presented examples of wheat tenders he believes demonstrate price undercutting.

CEO Chair Greg Arason responded to the allegations saying it was inappropriate for Mr. Tracy to select individual tenders as representative of an overall sales activity. He pointed out several errors in Mr. Tracy's information, outlined below.

• According to Mr. Tracy, the CWB sold durum wheat to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in March 1999 at US\$169.00 per tonne. In fact, the CWB did not bid on nor sell durum to the UAE in March 1999 and had not done so since December 1998.

• Mr. Tracy said the CWB sold spring wheat to UAE at US\$115.00 per tonne while U.S. quotes were US\$120.00 per tonne. The CWB will not confirm nor deny details of its commercial sales activities but noted that U.S. sales of soft wheat to Egypt during the same time frame were priced at US\$116.40 and US\$94.90 per tonne.

• Mr. Tracy said the CWB sold spring wheat to Sri Lanka in November 1999 at US\$144.65 per tonne, well below a U.S. offer of US\$148.64 for comparable grain. Because sales to Sri Lanka are conducted through public tender, the CWB confirmed the selling price. However, the U.S. competitive bid was only US\$146.29. The CWB also noted that in September 1998, the CWB bid US\$110.00 on soft wheat but the U.S. got the sale at US\$106.98. At the same time, the CWB bid US\$135.00 on hard wheat but the U.S. got the sale at US\$122.11.

The CWB's prices were undercut by US\$3.02 and

US\$12.89, respectively.

• Mr. Tracy said the CWB has a standing offer in the Philippines to match any U.S. offer with the same wheat but at a US\$7 per tonne discount. The CWB completely denies this accusation and points to U.S. market share in the Philippines of 75 to 80 per cent as evidence of U.S. dominance in the market.

Arason also expressed frustration in the U.S. Wheat Associates persistence in spreading inaccurate information despite repeated clarifications by the

CWB and despite no less than seven unsuccessful U.S. investigations into CWB pricing practices designed to find evidence of unfair trading.

The CWB is the world's largest wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and he largest net earner of foreign currency. Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

Agricore will be buying genetically modified canola

Agricore will continue to buy genetically modified (GM) canola.

Agricore's seed business manager Bob Hiebert says Agricore will stand behind the canola it sells whether it's conventional or GM.

Agricore's grain marketing manager Randy Cook says farmers should look into pricing options now to get the best deal whatever type of canola they plan to grow.

Hiebert says Agricore recognizes that farmers have many canola seed varieties to choose from this spring.

He says that whatever type of canola a farmer decides to grow, Agricore will buy it, subject to sales.

Hiebert says Agricore is secure in the science of the new seed technology and stands behind the products it recommends and sells.

Cook is confident there will be buyers for GM canola this year.

He says Agricore's major markets for canola are accepting all varieties unconditionally.

Cook says Agricore has a full range of delivery programs for canola, both cash and futures, that farmers can tap into when they choose to be in the market.

Agricore staff at any agro-centre will provide more information to help canola growers choose the right varieties and inputs for their operations.

Grain marketing staff at Agricore elevators will assist farmers in choosing pricing options.

Agricore is the Canadian, farmer-owned agri-business created in 1998 by the merger of Manitoba Pool Elevators and Alberta Pool.

Agricore provides fully integrated grain and special crops marketing and handling services through its prairie-wide network of elevators and specialized processing plants.

Agricore also handles a full range of agronomic inputs, supplies and services through retail outlets across western Canada.



ATCO Gas reduction

On Jan. 20, ATCO Gas asked provincial regulators for approval to reduce the price its customers pay for natural gas for the remainder of this winter.

If approved, customers living south of the City of Red Deer, will see prices drop by \$0.34 a gigajoule from \$3.26 to \$2.92 starting Feb. 1, 2000.

In addition to the rate decrease, ATCO Gas also sought Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) approval to rebate customers 16.4 cents for every gigajoule of natural gas they consumed between November 1, 1999 and January 31, 2000.

ATCO Gas has recommended the adjustments because of the company's ability to purchase natural gas for its customers at a lower cost than forecast.

"ATCO Gas is fully committed to purchasing gas at the best possible price while ensuring a secure supply for our customers," said President Chris Sheard, noting the company purchases natural gas from Alberta's producers and passes on the cost, without mark-up, to customers. "The good news for our customers is that we were able to buy gas at a lower cost than forecast."

Once implemented, the total value of the rate decrease and rebate for southern Alberta customers is expected to total \$13.2 million by the time the winter period ends March 31, 2000. If approved, the rebate will appear on current customers' bills starting in February.

The rebate and rate reduction only apply to natural gas purchased from ATCO Gas and not from independent gas marketers.

ATCO Gas consulted with representative customers, including the City of Calgary, before making its application to the AEUB. ATCO Gas earns its revenues from the regulated delivery of gas to customers. Delivery rates have not been increased for six years.

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Marketing Your agri-tourism venture around Alberta

Most Albertans consider marketing tangible products like grain, fruit and vegetables and other food products, to be what the agriculture industry is all about.

But when it comes to marketing the intangible, such as selling agricultural experiences to the tourism market, a whole new approach must be considered.

"Selling experiences is no easy task," says Sharon Homeniuk, rural development specialist - business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Stony Plain.

"The first thing usually realized in the tourism industry is that it is a business of bringing the customer out to the product, as opposed to taking the product to the customer. This means that what is being offered has to be pretty attractive in order to draw people out."

Whether the business is a market garden, a country vacation or simply offering farm tours, farm business owners quickly realize that one business standing alone can't offer the variety of activities and facilities that tourism customers want and need.

Creative partnerships are necessary to offer the tourism customer reason enough to travel.

Throughout January, February and March, Alberta Agriculture is offering workshops on Marketing Your Agri-Tourism Venture across the province.

Experienced operators will share marketing tactics that have and have not worked for them.

New tools to market agri-tourism businesses will be discussed and information about what the new Travel Alberta has to offer small operators will be shared.

"Attending one of the workshops provides the chance to meet and network with other operators in your area," adds Homeniuk.

"Attendees will also develop an understanding of the expectations of the customer who is seeking agri-tourism experiences. The workshop is a great place to learn about the components

of a tourism package, and how to build packages based on agri-tourism experiences."

The workshops are scheduled for:

Edmonton - January 20

Fahler - February 16

Airdrie - March 2, and

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Locals faring well in cattle penning competitions

By Nicole Smith

For two Didsburians, cattle penning competitions have become somewhat of a cash cow.

Howard and Laura Krebs have really been bringing home the bucks in the many cattle penning events that they enter each year.

The couple recently won the #7 Class event at the Regina Agribition, bringing home \$750 each in winnings.

On Nov. 26 the couple, along with teammate Wade Adams of Okotoks, made three outstanding runs. They completed the course in 37 seconds on their first run, 44 seconds on their second run and 47 seconds on their final run.

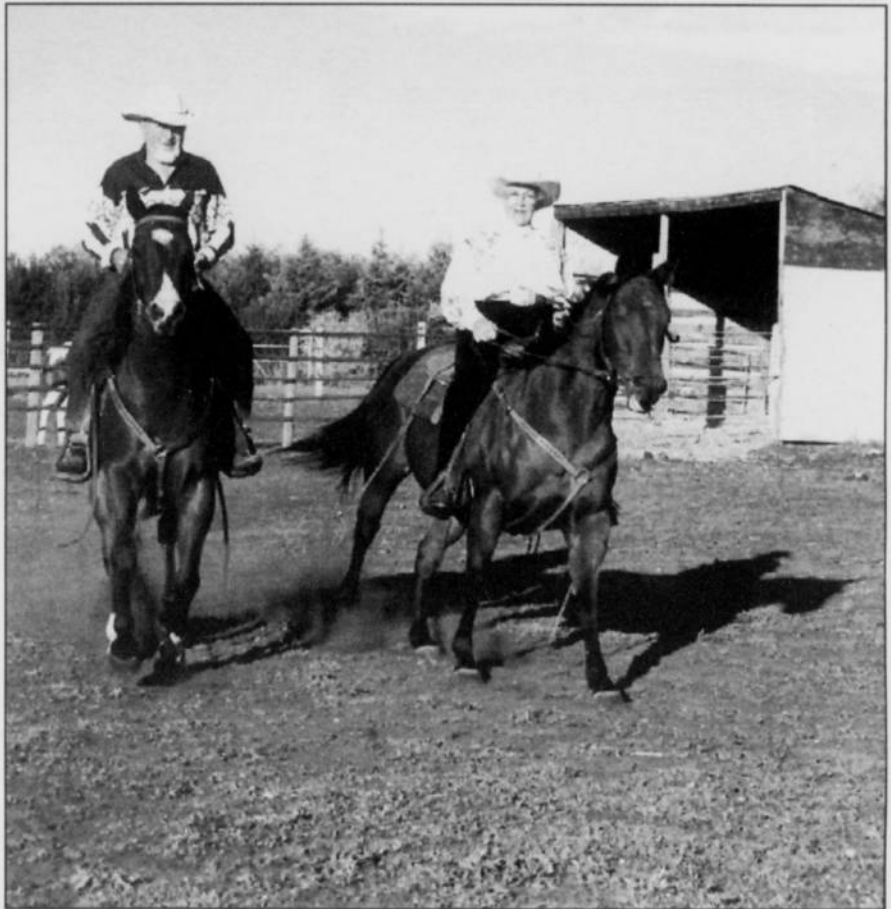
These great times won the team the event and \$2250 to split between the three of them.

After winning their event, the top four teams participated in an intermission show during the rodeo.

Laura said she was absolutely terrified to be performing in front of over 15,000 people. Howard said he wasn't too scared at all.

When asked what they will be doing with their prize money, they laughed that they would just be using it to pay entries fees on another competition.

The Krebs have been competing in cattle penning for the past eight or nine years, and have enjoyed it the whole time.



Local hockey player headed to Winter Games

By Nicole Smith

One local female hockey player will be sharpening her skates for the Alberta Winter Games, being held next month in Strathcona County.

Aimee Hunter, 17, who plays on a female hockey team here in town, tried out for the Games on Jan. 8 and 9.

Hunter, who has played on the Alberta Winter Games female hockey team for Zone 2 twice before, found out on Jan. 10 that she has made the team again.

The tryouts, which had 70 girls from our zone vying for a spot on the team, were held in Carstairs. Hunter was one of 19 that were chosen for the team.

Hunter is looking forward to the participating in the Games, which take place Feb. 17-20, as this will be the last year she is allowed to play. Participants aged 13-17 take part in the Games each year.

Another bonus of being a participant in the Games is that Hunter has a chance to be invited to the Team Alberta women's hockey camp, as there will be scouts there.

There will also be scouts from many Alberta universities and colleges in attendance.

Hunter has been participat-

ing in hockey for 12 years, playing both forward and defence. The last three years, she has played on female hockey teams in both Didsbury and Calgary.

"I like the competitiveness and the skill, the strategies, the teamwork and the discipline it offers," Hunter said about why she enjoys hockey so much.



The Renegade Report

On the road again.. this time to Olds to participate in the Atom Tournament. The first game of the tournament for the Renegades pitted them against Olds.

No one knows just what the coaches told them before the game but they came out smoking! Landon Gole played between the pipes and made some awesome saves! Jared Hunter scored first unassisted at 3:25 of the first period.

The entire team was on fire putting pressure on Olds and keeping the play in their end for most of the second period. Jared scored again at 13:26 of the second, again unassisted. Then Justin Mitchell put one past the goalie at 10:22, unassisted. Justin scored again assisted by Luke Sundberg with 34 seconds left in the second to put the Renegades ahead by 1 at the end of the period.

Everyone knew the third period would be tough. Could they keep their lead? Olds came out fast in the third and scored at 19:23.

The game was tied, play was intense, the Renegades tried time and time again to break

the tie, but just couldn't get the puck into the net. Then Justin was called on a penalty at 14:40, short handed, Wade Hannah scored at 13:20 assisted by Jan Milne.

The Renegades played their best keeping Olds off the scoreboard to win the game 5 to 4! Who was happier? the players or the coaches, or the parents? A great game all around for everyone. We knew you could do it.

The second game of the tournament Renegades faced off against Carstairs. Still feeling the effects of yesterday's win, the Renegades were hot. Landon Gole guarded the net again, as playing hard offensively, they started the scoring at 12:05 of the first by Luke Sundberg assisted by Jared Hunter and Matt Metka. At 9:47 Jan Milne popped one in unassisted.

Jeremy Graf assisted by Kyle Gebers out the Renegades ahead by 3 at 5:39 of the first. Second period action was fast and furious, Matt scored unassisted at 14:24, then Luke assisted by Jared put one in at 9:17, followed by another one

by Matt assisted by Braden Hopfe and Justin Mitchell at 5:52, the Renegades were ahead by 4 going into the third period. Braden increased the lead at 17:06 of the third assisted by Clayton Lowther. The final Renegade goal was shot in by Matt at 10:35, unassisted while Carstairs was kept to only one goal in the third.

Two in a row for the Renegades which placed them in the playoffs on Sunday! When an awesome turn around for the team!

Sunday the Renegades played a league game against Sundre at home. Landon Gole was between the pipes. Sundre opened the scoring, then Luke Sundberg assisted by Jared Hunter put one by the goalies at 21:15.

Playing hard fast paced hockey, Sundre managed to keep the Renegades off the scoreboard until the third period. Once again, the Renegades were unable to get any breaks. The whole team played great, passing and shooting but unable to get the puck to cross the line.

Novice #1 Report

Well the Didsbury "Rockets" are off to a great start in the second half of their hockey season, playing their first game of the millennium in Olds and with game #2 back here at home against another one of the Olds teams. In the first game they came out a little rusty, but picked up in the second and third period, and as one of the coaches said, "Not bad for a bunch of turkey bellies!!" They, as well as parents and coaches, had a well earned break over Christmas so it took a little getting used to being back on those skates once again. The second game in Didsbury against Olds #3 was a high scoring game, but Olds goalie tried his best and made some great saves against a rampage of shots that were fired at him. One of the second years, Cole Sunberg was the man in net for Didsbury and out down in the record books a "shut out" for the team. Good job, Cole!! The "Rockets" now have two wins in the New Year, adding to an excellent record of 9 wins, 1 loss, and 0 ties for the season in league play.

The team is learning to improve their passing skills and to play their positions using the whole ice, trying not to bunch with the key emphasis on working together to play the game rather than one or two players doing everything while the rest of the players don't get a chance to handle the puck. Over the year the parents and coaches have seen scoring across the roster, with some of the young players getting a chance to show their stuff either in assisting a goal or being quick around the net and putting in the loose

puck. Mac Southgate, Wes Dunbar, Justin Code, Tyler Hobbs, Zac McCargar, Colbey Dietrich and Mitch Edwards have all had a taste of being instrumental in setting up a goal or being the one who put it in the mesh, as well as being the guy with the pads on helping the team on the defensive end! Excellent effort by the first years. Well done!! The second year players too have continued to be solid in the area of defence and fore checking, being quick around the net and seeing the open ice. They have consistently challenged their opponents by excellent back checking and playing their position as expected. Matt Metka, A.J. McCoy, Randy Hunter, Josh Campbell, Stephanie Southgate, Cole Sunberg and Cody Wood work hard every shift and set a good example for the first year players. Hard work and team effort from across the roster leads to good team morale and lot of fun while trying to learn the game.

With two tournaments left in the season, an exhibition game of two, and not many league games left to play, the season is quickly winding down and players will soon be able to hang up their skates and replace them with soccer cleats and baseball gloves. The "Rockets" have had a good run, so far and will hopefully continue their enthusiasm for the game for the remainder of the season. I know the coaches are trying to make it as fun as possible without losing sight of trying to instill in each player to always do their best both in practise and at a game. Thanks Coaches!!

Atom A Rock & Roll playing awesome

Jan. 8 saw the Rock & Roll travel to Hanna. It was a close game won by Hanna 4-3. The game saw end to end action throughout with Hanna scoring a late goal to win a close game. The next day, the Rock & Roll travelled to Cremona for a game against Cochrane. The Rock & Roll had a lot of jump and 5 minutes in, the score was 4-0 for Didsbury. The Cochrane team then took a different angle and tried to run the Rock & Roll out of the rink with hit hockey and cheap tactics. The refs did their best, at least one of them, to keep this game from getting out of hand and in the end, Didsbury finished strong for an 8-4 victory. Joy Kemmere, Josh Robertson and Riley Edwards led the Rock & Roll and Kris Jackson was strong in nets.

The next weekend, the Rock & Roll travelled to Olds for their annual tournament. Our first game was against Rocky Mountain House. They were a big strong team and after 2 periods the score was 7-2 for the Rocky. In the third period, Rocky ran into penalty problems and Didsbury took full advantage. What a comeback. After goals by Ryan Miller, Josh Robertson & Riley Edwards, the Rock & Roll won 9-8. The next game was a very good hockey game. It was hard fought, exciting and well played by both Brooks Chiefs and Didsbury. If not for the Rock & Roll back-checking deep in their own zone, this one could have been over early. Kris Jackson stood on his head between the pipes and deserved the Heart & Hustle award. After 60 minutes, the game was tied 3-3. In overtime, and the Rock & Roll short a man because of a penalty, they scored 30 seconds into sudden death and won 4-3.

Now we were in the A final against Olds A-1 team. The fans saw great end to end action with both goalies playing strong. The Rock & Roll all skated hard and played a great game. Again, after 60 minutes it was tied 3-3. Another overtime and this game went down to 2 on 2. Josh Robertson & Riley Edwards made a great play from the centre ice face off and Riley scored on a breakaway. The Rock & Roll were the "A" champions and they all deserved the celebration that followed.

Next up is Three Hills for a home and home series, so stay tuned.

Didsbury has been awarded the Atom B Provincial Tournament on March 17, 18 & 19. The Rock & Roll will play as Host team.



MEET THE JAGUARS

Front row (l-r): Cole Robertson, Tanner Watt, Evan Thompson, Cody Krebs, Jason Edwards, Branton Olfert, Daniel Graf.

Second row (l-r): Keegan Paton, Sean McGillis, Blake Shields, Kayla Edwards, Nicole Miller, Will Hadway, Braden Overwater.

Back row (l-r): Assistant coaches Brent Youngs and Gord Krebs and Coach Tom Hadway.

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With competitive swimming season fast approaching (and

with it, thankfully, spring and summer!) the aquatic centre has just completed training its instructional staff in the I Can Swim Fast program. This program offers competitive swimming training sessions, that include all components for racing - dive starts, strokes, turns, sprinting and endurance. Classes are ongoing during lesson sessions and this is a great opportunity to get in shape before the hard work really begins for the season. Register at the aquatic centre soon - May is just around the corner.

Watch for our scuba, People Savers, and advanced courses coming soon!

Inferno - Midget girls on fire

What a good game girls! Sizzling!

Saturday, Jan. 22, was an excellent showing of young female hockey when Didsbury met their match against Nanton in league play.

Nanton opened up the game, scoring within the first 5 minutes of the play. Equivalent battles back and forth, up and down the ice, left neither team dominating the others' zone. Still within the 1st period, Nanton scored their second goal, sparking our first; popped in by Lindsay Edwards, assisted by Lindsay McEwen.

Tying up the game, didn't come until halfway through the second period, when Jade Stevens scored assisted by Aimee Hunter and Ebony Roberts. A third goal scored by Aimee Hunter assisted by Cari-Ann Viney and Ebony Roberts, pulled the girls ahead at the end of the second period.

Dominating the first 10 minutes of the 3rd period, brought 1 unassisted goal by Aimee Hunter and another by Lindsay McEwen, assisted by

Chris Pieper. Nanton retaliated, scoring 2 goals within a minute of play. Still with a 1 point lead, Aimee Hunter sweetened the score further, with an unassisted goal in a power play, bringing the girls to a 6-4 win!

Following is the mention of all others who contributed to

the above score: Erica Blakely (G); Christi Fillmore, Kim Pieper, Lindsay Viney, Denise Papineau, Michelle Papineau, Kim Aarts, Lindsay Meston. Yes reader, you are right. We as fans can yell; "Go, Lindsay, go!" Next most times be correct. Next game: Olds at Didsbury, January 29, 5:00 p.m.

Didsbury Atom "B" Rottweilers rule

Saturday we travelled to Three Hills for an afternoon game. The boys came out playing hard and at the end of the first period led 3-1.

Three Hills stormed back in the second and tied the game. Steady goal tending by Grant Jensen gave the boys a chance to raise their level up for a 5-4 lead after two periods. The third period belonged to the boys with Kelly Kohut, Jeff Choquette, and Matt Collinge flying out there. Final score: Rottweilers 8, Three Hills 5. Good game boys. They were one of the better skating teams in our league.

Goal scorers were Travis McTavish, Nathan Crosby, Jeff Choquette, Matt Collinge and Kelly Kohut. Assists went to Jeff, Matt and Steve McNeil.

Next game is this weekend at home.

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Tips for a safer hockey season

Prepare your favourite hockey star with the proper equipment: As the weather grows colder and the days grow shorter, many Canadian families begin to prepare for the start of the hockey season. According to the Canadian Hockey Association, 4.5 million Canadians are involved in hockey as coaches, players, officials, administrators and direct volunteers. CSA International (formerly Canadian Standards Association) tests and certifies hockey helmets, face protectors and visors to ensure they meet the requirements in applicable standards. The Canadian Hockey Association cites the use of CSA-certified items in its mandatory requirements for players in the senior, junior, minor and women's leagues.

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CSA International offers the following tips for selecting and maintaining hockey equipment:

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- Proper fit is essential with any protective sports equipment. Choose a helmet that fits the head snugly.

- Regularly inspect helmets for scratches, cracks in the shell or wear and tear in the liner. Do not use a helmet with a cracked or severely scratched shell or worn liner.

- Certain face protectors have been designed to go with certain models of helmets. Check the manufacturer's instructions to determine if you have the correct match and ensure the face pro-

jector is installed properly and securely fastened to the helmet.

- Helmets, face protectors and visors should bear the manufacturer's identification, model identity, date code, size or size range, CSA-certification sticker or identification and a permanent warning on the exterior of the helmet about the limits of protection the helmet offers.

- Do not paint or affix decals to a helmet. Decorations can hide cracks, which indicate serious damage to the helmet. Once a CSA-certified helmet has been tampered with, it no longer meets requirements of the standard.

- Never cut the wire on a facemask to improve the field of vision since this will weaken the entire structure. Ensure the wire structure on your face protector is solid and there are no broken wires.

- Inspect plastic visors or protectors for scratches or cracks. Too many scratches limit vision and cracks can weaken structural strength.

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Didsbury Juniors Curling doing well

By Bruce Wiebe

The Didsbury Intermediate-Youth boys curling team, consisting of Charley Thomas, Terrell Wiebe, Jordan Lunt, Rob Loewen and Reg Neufeld (alternate), is beginning to reap the results of disciplined practice and preparation. Undefeated in league play, the Thomas team is beginning to venture further away from home, including the Ray Kingsmith Memorial bonspiel in Calgary during the Christmas holidays, and then travel east to Oyen, for the Alberta Winter Games zone playdowns. In Oyen, playing against teams that were two and three years their elders, the Thomas rink struck for two wins, before bowing out in the A-side final, and then getting bounced in the B-side final.

With experience under their belts, they travelled to Sundre the following weekend capturing first place in the Sundre 14-and-under bonspiel with wins over teams from Calgary, Sundre and Caroline. All these preparations lead up to the provincial playdowns being held this year from February 4-6 in Cochrane.

Morning time hockey good for Midgets

Saturday, Jan. 22 the Midgets headed to Okotoks, where they played an interesting game. It ended 8-1 for Okotoks. The only score for Didsbury was made by C. Anderson assisted by D. Ward and J. Dawson.

Sun. Jan. 23 the Didsbury Midgets had to rise early to catch the community bus at 7 a.m. to make the long trip to Dutchess. Here they met up against Bassano. This game was well worth getting up for. Both teams played an excellent game.

Didsbury came out to play hockey. They started the game with 11 skaters and 2 goalies, later in the game they were down one more player. They showed

us parents what they can accomplish when they play good hockey. They won this round 5-4. It was a tight game the whole way through, but Didsbury hung tough and came out on top. Morning time hockey is the way to go for our Midgets. The goals for this game went to J. Dawson, M. Williams had two, C. Weber, and C. Clazie; assists going to R. Morrow, R. Fife, T. Black and M. Warren. Hopefully our Midgets will keep playing that well as that is what makes watching hockey great entertaining fun for the whole family, so do come out and support your local Midgets.



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BRIDAL SHOWERS

A MIXED WEDDING shower for Jennifer Redmond and Steve McCulloch will be held Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. at Midway School. Everyone welcome. 41-2t
BRIDAL SHOWER for Sandy Snyder will be held Sat. Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox United Church. 337-2137.

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ENGAGEMENT

Gwenne and Joe Redmond of Red Deer and Jean and Arnold McCulloch of Didsbury are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Redmond and Steve McCulloch.



Jennifer and Steve will be married on February 24, 2000 in Maui, Hawaii. A dance for family and friends, to celebrate this special occasion, will be held on March 11, 2000 in Didsbury.

OBITUARY

GRILLS: Stacey Dawn Grills sunrise September 21, 1980, sunset January 18, 2000. Stacey arrived in Newmarket, Ontario as the only child of Frank and Cathy Grills. In 1982 she moved to Stirling, Alberta with her parents, where she started school. The family then moved to Strathmore, Alberta in 1986. Stacey continued school here until moving to the Didsbury and Olds area in 1993. She then became a student at the Horizon School in Olds. Stacey had a warped sense of humour and demanded nightly snuggles with her dad. She enjoyed chewing him out when she

felt he needed it. Cathy's life evolved around Stacey, who also served as the aide on her school bus for several years. Stacey is survived by her loving parents Frank and Cathy, grandparents John and Vera Grills of Didsbury, and grandparents Clem and Betty Ellas of Vernon, BC. She will also be missed by her great grandmother Pelma Fountain of Guelph, Ontario, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. Stacey's roommates and staff of Accredited Supports Res.-3 as well as students and staff of Horizon School will deeply miss her. Funeral services were held at Horizon School on Jan. 22, 2000. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Horizon School. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds, entrusted with arrangements.

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Health Minister reveals new cigarette labelling measures

On Jan. 19, Health Minister Allan Rock announced Health Canada's proposal to bring in tough new regulations that would require tobacco manufacturers to display health messages and graphics, as well as information about diseases and how to quit smoking, on all tobacco product packaging. The new health messages will occupy 50 per cent of the front panel of cigarette packages, while the smoking cessation and disease information will appear elsewhere on the package or as a package insert. Minister Rock also announced the intent to table comprehensive new reporting regulations that will provide the Government of Canada with detailed, regularly updated information on the contents of tobacco products and on tobacco manufacturers' research, marketing sales, promotional and sponsorship activities.

"Canadians who use tobacco products need to fully understand the serious health hazards inherent in this lethal product, which has been scientifically linked to more than 20 specific cancers and diseases," Mr. Rock said. "Tobacco is the only product on the market that will result in a premature death for one out of every two users. With these hard-hitting health messages and compelling graphics, we will reach smokers directly and effectively."

The new regulations would:

- require hard-hitting graphics with health warning messages,

- smoking cessation messages, and disease-specific information. The full-colour graphics that would occupy 50 per cent of the front panel would illustrate smoking-related diseases and situation.

- require manufacturers to increase the number of toxic chemicals which they identify as chemicals present in both tobacco products and in emissions (second hand smoke).

- introduce, for the first time in Canada, mandatory smoking cessation information.

These measures were selected for their effectiveness following extensive focus testing among youth and adult smokers. The innovative new labels would be required in various formats on all tobacco product packages, regardless of whether the products are manufactured in Canada or imported.

The new reporting regulations would require tobacco manufacturers and importers to report to the Government of Canada on sales data, manufacturing and processing methodologies, ingredients, toxic constituents, toxic emissions, research studies and promotional, sales and sponsorship activities. Health Canada will use information to monitor toxic constituents and emissions, to better inform smokers of the health hazards associated with smoking, and to report to Canadians on tobacco manufacturing, research, sales and promotional activities and trends.

"The ground-breaking regula-

tions reflect the Government of Canada's commitment to protecting the health of Canadians through integrated and effective tobacco control strategies," Mr. Rock said. "Smokers themselves have told us that our current health messages are outdated, and that they want strong messaging and information to support their efforts to quit. We have worked with them to develop highly effective messages and packaging."

The proposed new tobacco labelling and reporting regulations will each be identified in a "Notice of Intent" that will be printed in the Canada Gazette on January 22, 2000.

This introduces a 30-day consultation period during which the tobacco industry and grouped such as printers and retailers who would be affected by the new regulations have an opportunity to provide comments.

Those comments will be reviewed by the Government of Canada before it pre-publishes the draft regulations this spring. Following a second 30-day consultation period, the Health Minister will table the proposed regulations in the House of Commons for review by the Standing Committee on Health. Minister Rock noted that the introduction of new tobacco labelling and reporting regulations are the latest development in the Government of Canada's Tobacco Control Initiative, and confirmed that other announcements are forthcoming.

Canada celebrates Family Literacy Day on January 27

Many Albertans are not aware of the problems we experience in literacy - like the fact that as many as 480,000 Albertans have trouble understanding basic reading materials.

Family Literacy Day, held this Thursday, January 27, 2000, is a relatively new recognition day for Canadians. It was established in 1999, in order to give increased visibility to the impact of poor literacy skills on the Canadian family.

The concept of Family Literacy Day is to showcase the importance of literacy in the lives of Canadian families:

- setting aside just 15 minutes of family time each day for reading
- children raised in homes with good literacy practices do much better in school

- parents who improve their skills set a good example for the next generation and are better equipped to help their children succeed with studies

The County of Mountain View has a variety of programs in place:

- Family Literacy programs designed to provide training and assistance for both children and their parents.

- One-on-one tutoring for adults to help them meet personal needs or goals

- English as a Second Language classes, designed to help new Canadians increase their language skills

National Family Day will be celebrated with the following activities; For more information contact Rebecca Still @ Project

Read Soon 556-3045.

Olds Library suggests reading a book as a family. Come in, sign your name and the title of the book and you receive a Free Subway Card and Family Literacy Day memento. Thursday, OPUS the literacy owl will visit the library during the Story Time Hour.

Bob Clark Municipal Library in Carstairs has a story hour, Thursday 10:30 to 11:00 for 4 & 5 yr. olds.

Didsbury Library suggests reading as a family. Come in, sign your name and the title of the book and receive a Family Literacy Day memento.

Sundre Library is having a Used Book Sale, January 25-28. Families are encouraged to read together for 15 minutes on Family Literacy Day.

The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

Turkey Dinner

St. Anthony's turkey dinner. Feb. 6 at Westglen School from 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$8/adults, \$25/family, 6-12 years/\$5 and under six free. Shut ins meal delivery call 335-8891 by Feb. 5.

Annual Meeting

Rosebud Annual Meeting, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Rosebud Community Hall. Everyone welcome.

Women of Valor

Women of Valor fellowship and teaching meeting, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the Chinook Winds Christian Centre. Brunch served.

DIDSBURY

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower for Sandy Snyder will be held Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox United Church. More info at 337-2137.

Open House

The family of Enith Hunsberger invite you to an open house at the 5-0 Club on Jan. 29 from 2-4 p.m. for Enith's 90th birthday. No gifts please.

Prenatal Classes

Prenatal classes will be held Feb. 15, 22 and 29 and March 7 and 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Didsbury Hospital. Cost is \$40. To register call 335-7292.

DIDSBURY

Annual Meeting

The Didsbury and District Light Horse Association Annual Meeting will be held Feb. 2 at the Westcott Hall at 7 p.m. Potluck supper. For more information, phone 335-4202.

Guest Night

The Christian Women's Club will host a guest night at the Knox United Church in Didsbury on Feb. 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The theme is Hickory Dickory Dock. Reservations are essential and cancellations are necessary. For reservations or rides call Ethel at 335-4739 or Nancy at 337-3200.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037-24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868. Will be closed Dec. 18 to Jan. 18.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave., and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Steedler at 335-4281.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

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DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

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SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

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